

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5 and 7 - 11 are now in the case.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 3 - 4 and 6 - 9 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 3 and formerly intervening Claim 2. Claims 5 and 8 depend from Claim 1.

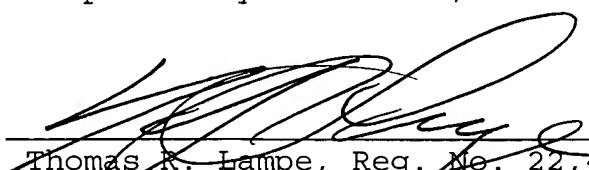
Claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 10, incorporating the subject matter of parent Claim 1 as originally presented.

Claim 6 has been rewritten in independent form as new Claim 11, incorporating the subject matter of parent Claim 1 as originally presented and formerly intervening Claim 2. Claims 7 and 9 depend from Claim 11.

All claims now in the case are believed to be clearly allowable. Passage of this case to issue is earnestly solicited.

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